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# Man steals Harbormaster vehicle during wild chase

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A man with outstanding warrants led police on a long chase Sunday that injured a State Police officer and damaged two Harbormaster's trucks.

A Duxbury officer was investigating a car burglary on Crooked Lane when he discovered stolen property in the possession of Cory Hatch, 21, according to a press release from Chief Matthew Clancy.

A computer check revealed that he was the subject of several outstanding arrest warrants. Hatch fled the home on foot and ran into an occupied neighboring home. Officers, assisted by a Harbormaster's Department employee, arrived almost immediately at the second home, the release said. Officers searched the home, however Hatch fled through a back door and stole the Harbormaster's patrol vehicle, hitting an empty Duxbury Police cruiser on the way. Hatch fled onto Powder Point Ave., the release stated, where he then jumped from the moving truck as it approached another Harbormaster's vehicle. The stolen truck collided with a second Harbormaster's truck that was being

operated by an employee of the department, however, the driver was not injured.

A manhunt then began involving Duxbury Police, State Police, Marshfield Police, Scituate Police and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, and a reverse-911 message was sent to homeowners in the area.

At one point a State Trooper spotted Hatch and gave chase. The trooper suffered a leg injury while scaling a fence and was transported to a local hospital by the Duxbury Fire Department for treatment, according to police.

At around 5 p.m., residents who had received the reverse 911 called police to say they had seen a man fitting Hatch's description. Hatch was found hiding under a dock off King Caesar Road and was taken into custody without further incident by Patrolman Steven Amado, according to the release.

In addition to the warrants already outstanding for his arrest, Hatch will face a host of additional charges related to the car break, invasion of the neighboring home, vehicle theft and pursuit, police said.